

**NVTC/PRTC JOINT COMMISSION MEETING  
SPRINGFIELD HILTON – SPRINGFIELD, VIRGINIA  
Thursday, June 3, 2010**

**MINUTES**

1. The meeting of the Northern Virginia Transportation Commission (NVTC) and the Potomac and Rappahannock Transportation Commission (PRTC) was called to order by NVTC Chairman Catherine Hudgins and PRTC Chairman Michael May at 7:10 p.m., with a quorum present.

**PRTC Members Present**

*Corey Hill	Department of Rail & Public Transportation
*Matthew Kelly	City of Fredericksburg
*Jerry Logan, Secretary	Spotsylvania County
*Michael May, Chairman	Prince William County
*Paul Milde, PRTC Treasurer/ Chairman, VRE Operations Board	Stafford County
*Jackson Miller	Virginia House of Delegates (arrived at 7:15 p.m.)**
*Frank Principi	Prince William County
*Toddy Puller	Virginia Senate
*Susan Stimpson	Stafford County
*Jonathan Way, Vice Chairman	City of Manassas

**PRTC Alternates Present**

Ateeb Ahmad	Prince William County (arrived at 9:00 p.m.)**
Jean Benson	City of Fredericksburg
*Lorraine Lasch	Prince William County
*Benjamin Pitts	Spotsylvania County
*William Wren	City of Manassas Park

**PRTC Staff and General Public**

Gina Altis	PRTC Executive Assistant
Monica Backmon	PWC Department of Transportation
Doris Chism	PRTC Dir., Customer Service & Dispatch
Art Clark	FIRST TRANSIT Safety & Training Manager
Joyce Embrey	PRTC Dir., Finance & Administration
Althea Evans	PRTC Dir., Marketing & Communications
Shanta Garth	FIRST TRANSIT AGM-Accounting & Admin.
Rhonda Gilchrest	NVTC Commission Secretary
Al Harf	PRTC Executive Director
Herbert Harris	Amtrak

Angela Horan  
Robb Howell  
Mike Lake  
Betsy Massie  
Steve MacIsaac  
Greg McFarland  
Jennifer Mouchantaf  
Eric Marx  
Scott Kalkwarf  
Bob Liebbrandt  
Paul Pitchke  
Kala Quintana  
Mark Roeber  
Rick Taube  
Dale Zehner

PRTC Legal Counsel  
FIRST TRANSIT General Manager  
Fairfax DOT  
PRTC Dir., Grant & Project Management  
VRE Legal Counsel  
NVTC Project Manager  
VRE Deputy Chief Executive Officer  
PRTC Dir., Planning & Operations  
NVTC Dir., Finance & Administration  
PWC Budget & Analysis  
FIRST TRANSIT AGM-Operations  
NVTC Dir., Public Outreach  
VRE Mgr., Public Relations  
NVTC Executive Director  
VRE Chief Executive Officer

PRTC Members Absent

Richard Anderson  
Maureen Caddigan  
Wally Covington  
John Jenkins  
Frank Jones,  
Immediate Past Chairman  
Marty Nohe  
Gary Skinner

Virginia House of Delegates  
Prince William County  
Prince William County  
Prince William County  
City of Manassas Park

Prince William County  
Spotsylvania County

PRTC Alternates Absent

David Awbrey  
Hilda Barg  
Hap Connors  
Harry Crisp  
Mark Dudenhefer  
Brad Ellis  
Darrel Feasel  
Peter LaMarca  
Suhas Naddoni  
Hal Parrish  
Sorine Preli  
Corey Stewart  
John Stirrup

Department of Rail & Public Transportation  
Prince William County  
Spotsylvania County  
Stafford County  
Stafford County  
City of Fredericksburg  
Department of Rail & Public Transportation  
City of Fredericksburg  
City of Manassas Park  
City of Manassas  
Prince William County  
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**\*Voting Member**

**\*\*Delineates arrival following the commencement of the Joint NVTC-PRTC Board Meeting.**  
Notation of the exact arrival time is included in the body of the minutes.

2. VRE Items

- A. Report from the VRE Operations Board (including minutes of the meeting of the May 21, 2010) and from VRE's Chief Executive Officer.

Mr. Zehner reported the average daily ridership for May was 17,030 (the sixth consecutive month VRE has carried over 17,000 riders per day). System wide on-time performance was 87%. On time performance on the Fredericksburg Line for the month of May was 87% and the Manassas Line was 88%. Continuing, Mr. Zehner reported that a partial derailment occurred when a locomotive entered the VRE yard located in Spotsylvania County resulting in train delays.

Mr. Zehner went on to report that a scheduled service disruption occurred on June 1<sup>st</sup> resulting in train delays on both the Fredericksburg and Manassas lines due to track construction south of Alexandria. He explained the service interruption was necessary to replace a bridge and to allow for a third track to be installed between Alexandria and Franconia/Springfield to improve the flow of train traffic in that section of the track and the addition of an intercity train between Washington, D.C. and Richmond with service commencing in mid-July.

- B. Ratify a Storm Water Management and Access Easement Agreement.

Commissioner Kelly moved, with a second by Commissioner Pitts, to ratify the VRE Operations Board action authorizing the VRE Chief Executive Officer to execute a permanent storm water management and access easement for a storm water detention facility at the Crossroads storage facility in Spotsylvania County. There was no discussion on the motion. (KELLY\PITTS, UNANIMOUS) RES 10-06-01

[Commissioner Jackson Miller arrived at 7:15 p.m.]

- C. Convene Closed Session.

Commissioner Milde moved, with a second by Commissioner Kelly, to convene into Closed Session pursuant to Section 2.2-3711-A.7 of the Code of Virginia at 7:18 p.m. for consultation with legal counsel concerning provisions of the contract with Keolis Rail Services and the current access agreement with Amtrak. There was no discussion on the motion. (MILDE\KELLY, UNANIMOUS) RES 10-06-02

[Commissioner Ateeb Ahmad arrived at 9:00 p.m.]

**Certification of Closed Session.**

Commissioner Milde moved, with a second by Commissioner Pitts, to certify Closed Session at 9:20 p.m. There was no discussion on the motion. (MILDE\PITTS, UNANIMOUS) RES 10-06-03

**Action Items Reported Out of Closed Session.**

Commissioner Milde moved, with a second by Vice Chairman Way, to authorize the VRE Chief Executive Officer to enter into an agreement with Amtrak if necessary, in a form approved by legal counsel, to implement a contingency plan consistent with the terms and costs and other direction provided by the Commission and authorizes the VRE Chief Executive Officer to execute such amendments to the Keolis contract as are necessary to implement the contingency plan and further authorizes legal counsel, upon prior written notice to the Commission members and authorization by the VRE Operations Board if possible, to institute such actions on behalf of the Commission as may be necessary to address circumstances that threaten the transfer of the VRE service to Keolis. There was no discussion on the motion. (MILDE\WAY, UNANIMOUS) RES 10-06-04

3. There being no further business to come before the Commissions at this time, Chairman Hudgins and Chairman May declared the joint NVTC/PRTC meeting officially adjourned at 9:25 p.m.